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SUBJECT: PARAPSYCHOLOGY (C)

THE FOLLOWING IS PROVIDED PER REQUEST:

A. BACKGROUND: THE USAMIA HAS CONTRACTUAL INVOLVEMENT WITH SRI RELATED TO SOVIET STRATEGIC DEFENSIVE MISSILES SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGIES. THIS INVOLVEMENT HAS BEEN ON-GOING FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. IN MID 1976, DURING THE COURSE OF THESE EFFORTS, USAMIA BECAME AWARE OF DR. H. PUTHOFF AND MR. R. TARG'S WORK AT SRI RELATED TO PARAPSYCHOLOGY RESEARCH. SINCE THE LOCAL R&D COMMUNITY HAD EXPRESSED INTEREST IN SOME APPLICATIONS IN THIS AREA USAMIA INVITED PUTHOFF AND TARG TO USAMIA FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH ALL INTERESTED PARTIES. THIS DISCUSSION WAS HELD IN LATE 1976 AND AGAIN IN EARLY 1977. AS A RESULT OF THESE MEETINGS THE USAMIA IMPLEMENTED A TASK UNDER CONTRACT DAAK40-77-C-0170 IN AUGUST 1977 WITH SRI, USING R&D FUNDS. THE FUNDING LEVEL FOR THIS TASK WAS APPROXIMATELY \$80,000. THE STATEMENT OF THE TASK IN THE SCOPE OF WORK RELATED TO THIS EFFORT WAS SIMPLY STATED "INVESTIGATION OF UNCONVENTIONAL DISCRIMINATION TECHNIQUES". IN AUGUST 1977 SHORTLY AFTER THE CONTRACT WAS SIGNED USAMIA REQUESTED THAT SRI FOLLOW UP ON PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH A LETTER OF SRI INDORSEMENT FOR THE RESEARCH OF PUTHOFF AND TARG. (INCLOSURE 1). IN SEP 1977 A MORE DEFINITIVE TASKING STATEMENT WAS SUBMITTED TO SRI OUTLINING USAMIA'S OBJECTIVES. (INCLOSURE 2). THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK THUS FAR IS GIVEN IN INCLOSURE 3. ON JUNE 19, 1978, THE SRI CONTRACT MONITOR MET WITH MR. RAY LEADABRAND OF SRI AND [REDACTED] OF DIA TO DISCUSS A CONCERN THAT HAD

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SURFACED OVER THE FORMULATION OF AN INTERNAL SRI OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE TO MONITOR THE WORK BY PUTHOFF AND TARG. AFTER SEVERAL HOURS OF DISCUSSION THE PROBLEM WAS RESOLVED AND AN UNDERSTANDING WAS REACHED ON SRI'S POLICY REGARDING SENSITIVE AREAS OF RESEARCH. (INCLOSURE 4).

B. UNIVERSITY PARAPSYCHOLOGY COURSES: LOCALLY THERE IS A PARAPSYCHOLOGY COURSE OFFERED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA IN HUNTSVILLE SPONSORED BY THE CONTINUOUS EDUCATION DEPARTMENT. THIS COURSE IS OF GENERAL NATURE AND COVERS VARIOUS SPECULATIVE ASPECTS OF PARAPSYCHOLOGY. ANOTHER UAH COURSE IS SPONSORED BY THE FREE UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION. THIS COURSE DEALS WITH VARIOUS SPECULATIVE ASPECTS, BUT INCLUDES UFO'S, ETC. THERE ARE ALSO COURSES OFFERED BY THE PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT AT ATHENS STATE UNIVERSITY IN ATHENS, ALABAMA, THAT ARE OFFERED AS PSYCHOLOGY ELECTIVES. THESE COURSES ARE ALSO GENERAL IN NATURE. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE NONE OF THE ABOVE PROGRAMS COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS AREAS OF SERIOUS STUDY OR RESEARCH, BUT COULD PROVIDE AS A BASIS FOR SCREENING FOR INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE ABOVE NORMAL ABILITY SHOULD THE NEED ARISE FOR A LOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM.

C. BECAUSE THE CURRENT USAMIA/SRI EFFORT EXPIRES IN AUGUST 1978 AN EVALUATION IS IN PROGRESS AT USAMIA ON CURRENT STATUS OF TASKING AND RESULTS. INCLUDED AS INCLOSURE 5 IS THE RESULTS THUS FAR AS TO FUTURE PROGRAM DIRECTION AND RESEARCH APPROACHES. THE RESEARCH APPROACHES WERE FORMULATED AND SUMMARIZED FROM A SRI REPORT ENTITLED "PSYCHOENERGETIC RESEARCH: SUGGESTED APPROACHES" AND IN THE OPINION OF THE USAMIA WOULD REPRESENT A SOUND ARMY R&D PROGRAM IN THIS AREA.

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